

WILSON HAS OPEN MIND ON HIS 14 PEACE POINTS

DEMIES BEING DEFINITELY
COMMITTED.

Success for Democratic Set-
tlement Depends on
Publicity.

(By David Lawrence.)
Paris, Dec. 21.—(Copyright, 1918,
N. Y. Evening Post.)—In his nego-
tiations with the principal statesmen
of Europe, President Wilson has
adopted the policy of making it clear
that he has an open mind on the
practical application of each of his
fourteen principles, and a basis of
peace. He has purposely denied the
newspaper statement that he was
definitely committed to the plan of
the American branch of the League
to Enforce Peace in order to empha-
size that he did not come to Europe
with a mind closed to discussion.
As a matter of fact, all of the al-
lies have something more than a
simple statement of the fourteen
points to guide them, because, prior
to sending the final notes accepting
Mr. Wilson's proposal in regard to
an armistice with Germany, the of-
ficial heads of Great Britain, France
and Italy were given an opportunity
to ask the meaning of each article.
A lengthy memorandum interpreting
the fourteen principles was trans-
mitted to them by Col. House with
the approval of the president. All
were agreed to, with the exception
of two points, so that it may be said
that if the allies had intended to de-
viate from the fourteen principles
every opportunity was given them
before they sent the final notes to
Mr. Wilson, which led to the armis-
tice.

Gossip Everywhere.
One can hear many interesting bits
of gossip here and read many ex-
pressions of opinions by influential
individuals which indicate a desire to
make peace along different lines radi-
cally from the fourteen points, but
no official of any belligerent govern-
ment has expressed himself. Indeed
the attitude of President Wilson and
the American delegation seems to as-
sume that the acceptance on the part
of the belligerents of the principles
laid down in the correspondence was
final, and to view suggestions that
our allies discuss fundamentally
therefrom as merely the work of
trouble makers and propagandists
who are trying to give the impres-
sion that the great free governments
associated with America would go
back on their pledged words.

It begins to be apparent that Mr.
Wilson firmly believes that the peace
conference should first dispose of
questions which all nations have in
common, such as a league of nations
and their attitude toward future
war; and postponing until later the
effort to arrange territorial questions
and consideration of numerous
claims. Nevertheless, there has been
much discussion at the headquarters
of every delegation of the mooted
territorial questions. Admittedly
the claims heard now are only the
extreme ones with a prospect of re-
cession subsequently.

Paris resembles closely the scenes
of an American political convention;
there is none of the open booming
of individual claims, but much earnest
argument is going on underneath the
surface in an effort to canvass and
marshal strength ultimately at the
peace table on individual propo-
sitions.

The American delegation is just
getting organized. Much confusion
is natural in erecting a structure of
such importance and housing the
hundreds of officials, attaches and
others.

Creel Has No Authority.
George Creel, chairman of the com-
mittee on public information, has
nothing to do with making news
public nor is anybody acting as an
intermediary, although members of
the peace mission and occasionally
the president himself give interviews
to the correspondents, enabling them
to ask on behalf of the American
people any questions which they may
wish to put and giving them the
same freedom as in the United States.

Owing to the fact that military
censorship has been in effect in Eu-
rope for some time it may be diffi-
cult, at first, to secure adherence all
along the line to this principle of
freedom of communication, but ap-
parently it is the intention of the
British and French governments to
get subordinate officials to obey lit-
erally the promises formally given to
President Wilson.

American newspapers themselves
can tell whether dispatches are dis-
patched with, and any evidence of fail-
ure to live up to the agreement will
be welcomed by the American dele-
gation in order that the corrective pro-
cess may immediately be instituted.
President Wilson recognizes that
success for a democratic peace de-
pends upon keeping the peoples of
the world constantly informed, and
wants freedom of expression for all
currents of opinion, all shades of
view and all kinds of criticism.

WOMEN WIN 22 POSTS

Four Arizona Assembly Seats and
Several County Offices
Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 21.—Of a total
of 120 state and county offices in Ari-
zona to be gained at the last election,
women won twenty-two.
The women will have no representa-
tion in the state senate or in other
state officials, aside from the house
of representatives. Four will become
members of the lower house on Jan. 1,
and at least one woman was elected to
serve in each of the fourteen counties
of the state, excepting Yavapai and
Graham.

ORDER OF EVACUATION

Soviets Must Get Out or Cease Poli-
tical Activities.
Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—All the soviets
in the German territory occupied by
British troops were ordered by the
British military governor at Cologne
today to cease their political activities
and to evacuate all public buildings.
The order was issued in the form of a
proclamation and the penalty is "ac-
cording to British interference."

AT FRANKFORT-ON-THAINE
Munich, Dec. 21.—Dr. Lupe, mayor
of Frankfurt-on-the-Main, announces
that the German national assembly will
meet there. Chief Burgomaster Vogt
has gone to Berlin to make arrange-
ments for a meeting.

ACCEPT HINDENBURG PLAN
London, Dec. 21.—The German gov-
ernment has accepted Field Marshal
Von Hindenburg's plan to form a peo-
ple's guard, or national army, accord-
ing to a Copenhagen dispatch to the
Daily Mail. It is said that the German
army, under this plan will be stronger
than ever. All officers have received
instructions to keep the details secret.
Women will be employed for auxiliary
services.

DINE KING VICTOR AND SON
Paris, Dec. 21.—(Havas.)—The Ital-
ian embassy gave a dinner in honor of
King Victor Emmanuel and his son, the
Prince of Piedmont, last night. It was
followed by a brilliant reception. Col.
and Mrs. House were present. Presi-
dent Poincare and members of the min-
istry accompanied the Italian king to the
station on his departure from the city.

NAMED FOREIGN MINISTER

Rockoff Entzau Takes Place in
Cabinet
Copenhagen, Dec. 21.—The German
minister to Denmark, Brockhoff Entzau,
has been appointed foreign min-
ister. It was learned today
that the new minister in the
German cabinet is
Dr. Hugo Haase. He
is a Socialist.

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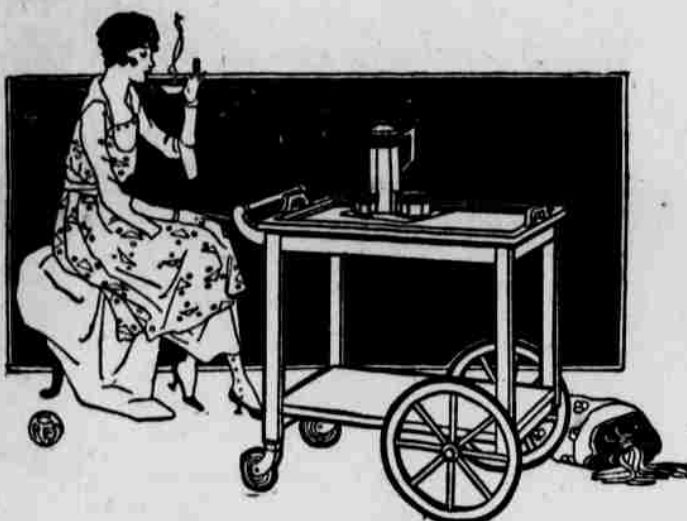
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The Store with the Christmas Spirit

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION

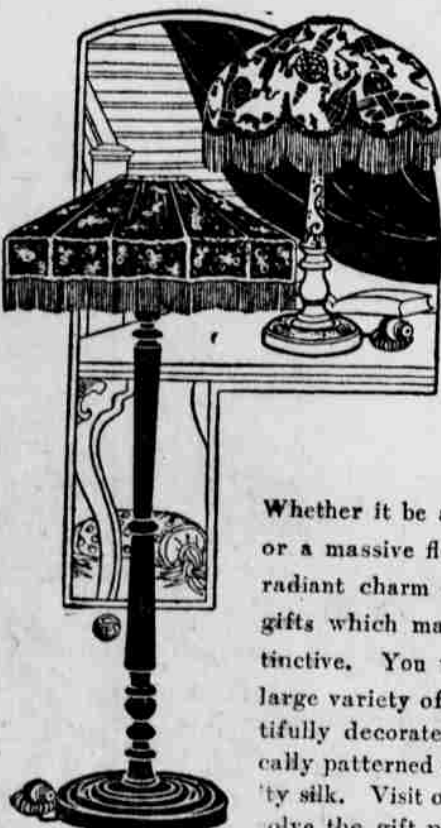
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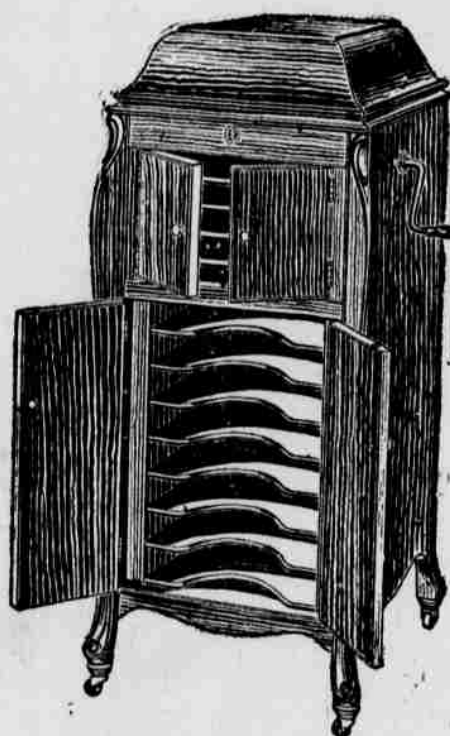
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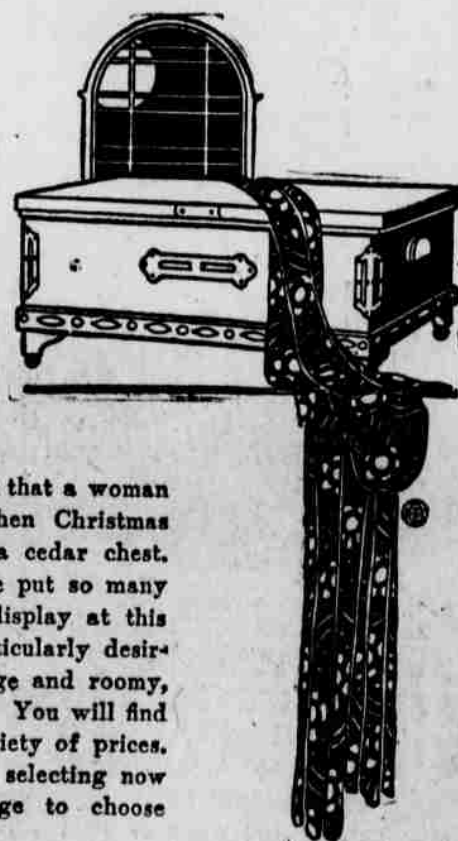
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